

**REMARKS**

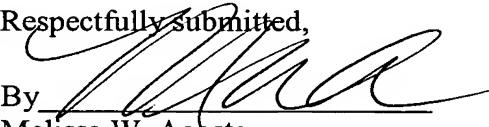
Claims 1-18 were originally pending in the PCT application. Claims 2-5, 7-10 and 15-18 have been amended without acquiescence to place in conformance with USPTO practice. Claims 11-13 have been canceled without acquiescence. Claims 19 and 20 have been added. Support for these claims can be found in the original claims. No new matter has been added.

The specification has also been amended in order to place it in conformance with USPTO practice. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests that the amended specification and claims be entered into the case prior to prosecution on the merits of the case.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P03067US0 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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